

REMARKS

In light of the above amendments and remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-21 are pending in this application. Claims 1-21 have been amended. No new matter has been added to this application by this amendment.

Claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,182,094 to Humpleman. The rejection is traversed for the following reasons.

Independent claim 1 recites in part as follows:

"...the execution of said second program is operable to select a most desirable device as said second device from among a plurality of devices connected to said first device and to obtain device information for the most desirable device, ..." (Emphasis added.)

It is respectfully submitted that Humpleman does not disclose the above identified feature of claim 1. In explaining the rejection, the Examiner asserted that the HTML files of Humpleman disclosed the second program of claim 1. For argument's sake, even if the Examiner was correct in his assertion, such HTML files do not obtain device information for the most desirable device upon their execution as in claim 1. Therefore, claim 1 is believed to be distinguishable from Humpleman.

For reasons similar to those described above with regard to claim 1, independent claims 10, 11, and 21 are believed to be distinguishable from Humpleman. Claims 2-9 and 12-20 depend from one of claims 1, and 11, and, at least due to such dependency, are believed to be distinguishable from Humpleman.

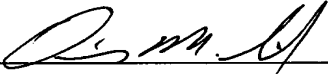
Accordingly, withdrawal of the above 35 U.S.C. §102(e) rejection of claims 1-21 is respectfully requested.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 518-6374 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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